

**Amendments to the Abstract:**

The originally-filed abstract is amended as follows:

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

~~Disclosed is an An~~ iris identifying apparatus ~~comprising includes~~ an optical-axis aligning section which aligns the line of sight of a target person to be picked up, who views a guide light through a view window, with the optical axis of an image pickup device that picks up the eye of the target person. The optical-axis aligning section flickers the guide light and guides the line of sight of the target person to the guide light, and turns on the guide light when the image picked up by the image pickup device comes into focus, thereby notifying the target person of the eye having entered the image pickup distance.